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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## First Joint Hearing to Examine MEDC Role

WHO: Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, chairman of the Commerce and Labor

Committee and Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on Commerce, Labor and Economic

Development.

WHAT: First joint hearing on the effectiveness of statewide economic

development efforts by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and to recommend improvements to keep Michigan competitive

in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 30, 3 p.m., or immediately following full

Appropriations meeting.

WHERE: Senate Appropriations Room, 3<sup>RD</sup> Floor, Capitol, Lansing

BRIEF: The need for hearings comes as state law allowing the granting of tax

abatements as economic development incentives expires Dec. 31. The

hearings will also look into whether greater legislative and public

oversight of MEDC and MEGA activities are needed.